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thing to say myself later about the subject. I am pretty sure that, of all our predictive factors, none will show up with such decisive effects as a really close eclipse. Close, that is, to a potent element in the natus.

Yet strangely enough there was a good deal of difference of opinion amongst the older writers as to the effects of eclipses on benefics. Wilson observes that they are certainly bad if they fall on the lights or angles or malefics and that even if they fall on benefics it is not easy to believe them capable of much good. But Pearce, whose opinion ought to be respected in such matters, declared that they are good if they fall on benefics or on the luminaries, these being at the same time in good aspect with benefics.

Other common questions are, when do eclipses precipitate and how long do the effects last? But to reply to all these would need a book, and for this to be of any real use a great deal of preliminary research would be needed.

Inoculations and Bad Directions

A serving airman writes us that he has had to report for his fifth inoculation and asks: "How can inoculation be of any advantage if the patient is under an aspect that spells sickness? Personally I think it's a waste of time."

I shall not, of course, embark on a discussion of the merits of inoculation; that is a technical matter which we must leave to those who are in possession of the relative data.

A much larger question is involved, namely are directions to be regarded as warnings to be heeded, or sheer decrees of fate?

If the latter, it is probable that other aspects will also determine whether or not I shall take precautions against them; the whole scheme of things is fated, and we are really the helpless spectators of the unfoldment of destiny.

At the present time, by a curious turn, psychology tends to such a view, whilst biology and physics are turning away from it.

All one can say about determinism is that it may be true, but if so we cannot know that it is; indeed we cannot *know* anything in a rational sense, because what may be called a rational judgment is impossible and meaningless if all thought is rigidly predetermined. The essence of rational investigation is the freedom to choose between different possible conclusions.

If, however, we regard "good" and "bad" directions as warnings, then, though I question very much if we can ever entirely escape their consequences, it does seem possible that we may mitigate them. Indeed what is civilisation but the

gradual improvement of our reactions to "bad" aspects? Two or three centuries ago smallpox, in its worst forms, was a common accompaniment of Martian afflictions, but now, thanks to better sanitation and (perhaps) vaccination, this disease hardly occurs in the British Isles. Thus, though we still suffer from our Martian directions, we do not often get smallpox.

It may be argued, of course, that though we do not suffer in the same ways, we suffer just as much. But even now, when we are passing through a dreadful period in history, I find it difficult to accept such a depressing view.

Cutting out Dead Wood

A correspondent points out to me that Gemini rose at Tokio at the vernal ingress, 1941, and yet the winter ingress was certainly significant for Japan, thus contradicting the ancient rule we have recently discussed. This seems a powerful argument for relegating the rule in question to the limbo of medieval astrology, which rather tended to rigid distinctions of this kind.

Blindness and the September Eclipse

I have been taken to task for connecting the case mentioned in our last Editorial with the direction ♃ □ ♅ (o–d) and my correspondent asks whether I suffered from blindness when I had, at the age of 23, the direction ♅ ☌ ♃ (o–d)?

This seems to me a rather surprising question, coming from an experienced student.

To begin with, my natus and that of the young lady are quite different, and, though it is true that ♃ rules the 3rd house (the senses) in both, the houses and signs occupied are not the same. Are these to be ignored? Actually my remark was mainly based on the fact that her ♅ occupied ♒, a sign well known to be related to the sight.

But there must be many cases of persons born about the same time as the lady, wherein there was a much closer similarity, both natally and directionally. Is it seriously to be argued that in all of these the sight would be affected at that time, and presumably through the same action?

In the case of twins secondary directions that do not involve the angles are often alike, not only in regard to the bodies involved, but also the signs and houses. Is it really maintained that the results are always manifestly alike?

Surely the only rule we can lay down is that the more closely

the astrological data (radical and progressed) are alike, the greater is the probability that the correlated events (whether psychological or circumstantial) will resemble each other. But very often the resemblance is ideatic (if I may coin a word) rather than formal, and, as a result, only a trained astrologer can perceive it.

Now one of the basic ideas symbolised by Jupiter is that of *exploration* or *finding one's way*. Thus an afflicted Jupiter has an ideatic relation with blindness, but this is by no means always physical. And, in point of fact, I made one of the worst blunders of my life under ♅ ☌ ♃ (o-d).

Let me take another simple illustration. "A" and "B" both have ☿ opposed to ♃ by transit. One comes home and says, "Oh, I had such a job to find the right house in the black-out; I went to two wrong doors!" "B" returns to report that he had a long argument with "C," and "we didn't seem to get anywhere!" Now, to the sceptic this may seem an excellent example of astrological fatuity, because there is very little formal resemblance between knocking at wrong doors and losing one's way in an argument. But to the astrologer the ideatic likeness is obvious—or should be.

It seems to me that the astrologer who tries to maintain a mechanistic view of the science, as if two planets always produced the same result in the way that two parts of hydrogen and one of oxygen produce water, is riding for a fall and may promote the discredit of astrology. For this view is not only false: its falsehood can be easily demonstrated.

Now, disbelievers often misrepresent the teachings of astrology but there is no reason why we should help them. Astrology is perfectly correct when it speaks its own language. But when it is required to speak that of chemistry, let us say, it can no more do so than the dialects of Polynesia could produce a vehicle for the discussion of epistemology.

Retrospect

Latter Half of November

How truly is this conflict Hitler's war! Its main unfoldment faithfully reproduces the dominant features of his progressions. His Saturn square r. Mars (S) produced his initial defeat before Stalingrad, and then the flood of events, so favourable to us, of November, when as we pointed out the lunation strongly excited that direction.

One interesting matter calls for special notice: the appearance, in the middle of the month, of a brilliant Nova (new

star) in the part of the constellation Argo called Puppis, or the Poop. More or less coincident with this were such historical naval events as the American victory off Guadalcanar, the vast sea-operations involved in our landings in North Africa, and the destruction of the French Fleet off Toulon.

During this month Rommel was driven to the western confines of Cyrenaica and the Russians developed great offensives on their southern and central sectors.

December

This period began with much discussion as to the confused political conditions in French North Africa. Indeed, what I had written about France from a consideration of the winter ingress was to a great extent in full train before the Quarterly could be issued.

Hitler's ☽ ✶ ♅ r. may be correlated with our failure to seize Tunis and Bizerta by a *coup de main*. But lunar secondaries, beloved as they are by some astrologers, indicate little by themselves, and, as we have said, Hitler's main directional props have gone; and what a wonderful series he has had!

Perhaps the worst direction that lies ahead of him, as distinct from eclipses and other transitual factors, is M.C. conjunction Pluto, converse; but it is impossible to say with assurance when this will operate, for the exact time of birth is uncertain and the true rate of progression for the midheaven is also a matter of controversy.

Some students even insist that Hitler was born under Scorpio, but, however tempting this supposition may be, I personally deprecate strongly the acceptance of such wide deviations from recorded times. Such a practice may lead to all sorts of vagaries. I believe Anna Kingsford maintained, in the face of all data, that she was born under Libra; and I knew an old lady myself who was so intrigued by the hypothetical planet Isis that she instructed an astrologer to redraw her horoscope with that body exactly rising! That was in the days before "wishful thinking" became a popular catchword.

The capture of Gona and Buna from the Japanese in Papua agreed with the lunation as at Tokio (M.C. ♂ ♄), and the invasion of Burma by General Wavell's army tallied likewise with the rising ♀ at New Delhi.

Darlan was assassinated on the 24th, thus fulfilling still further our prediction of chaos for France. He was born on August 7, 1881, but I do not know either the hour or place. I

suggest Scorpio as the ascendant. The May conjunction of ♄ and ♅ fell within a few minutes of his Pluto, and the opposition of ♂ and ♅ on the 18th involved his ♂. His ♀ p. was near his ♅, but the decisive directions were probably angular. Without knowing the time of birth it would be fruitless to discuss what may have been his true character and motives. This we may say: the close opposition between his ♆ and ours (1801 map) is instructive, as also the passage of our ☉ p. over his ♂ and Pluto. His relations with us could not be fortunate.

January

Further deterioration set in on the Eastern Front for the Germans, and there were few signs of benefit for them from the culminating ♀ in the winter ingress at Berlin. Perhaps the explanation of this is that at Berlin this planet ruled the 7th house and thus showed the prevailing of Germany's opponents over her.

The second transit of ♅ over Hitler's ♆ r. in ♊ characteristically coincided with an abrupt change in the German broadcasts, which began to speak openly of the superiority of the Russian armies (so often annihilated in the past by Goebbels) in man-power and material. After a long respite Berlin was heavily bombed. It will be recalled that the first transit of ♅ over Hitler's ♆ coincided with the first of the 1,000-bomber raids on Germany.

Meanwhile the afflictive Neptune in the ingress map affected us chiefly in the U-boat campaign.

Leningrad was relieved on the 18th, and on the 23rd the fall of Tripoli rang down the curtain, let us hope for good, on the Italian Empire. We need not refer again to astrological afflictions to the Italian monarch and his Duce.

The same period saw the successful conclusion of the arduous campaign in Papua.

Early February

This month began with the surrender of what remained of the German Sixth Army before Stalingrad. Their resistance may have served a useful purpose; nevertheless, the destruction of so great a force was unquestionably one of the major military disasters of history. Meanwhile the Germans were withdrawing rapidly from all their conquests in the Kuban territory.

A Japanese withdrawal from Guadalcanal was announced as we went to press.

Prospect (March, April and May)

March

During this month we shall, I trust, enjoy the unfoldment of the eclipse of February 4th, with its unpleasant significance for Hitler and for Japan. It also falls in par. dec. to Mussolini's ♆.

About March 13th Hitler's ☿ p. comes to the semisquare of his ♂ r. and ♄ p.; and his ☽ p. is opposed to ☉ p. at the end of February and to ♂ p. at the end of March. All this seems to portend something like a landslide in his fortunes, not without the chance of physical danger.

The lunation of March 6th shows ♄ ♅ culminating at Rangoon, where we may have some success, since they are well aspected. But it looks like hard going. At Tokio ♃ is near the M.C. and ♀ is near the descendant.

The Spring Ingress is an interesting but perhaps not a very decisive figure for us. At London ☉ culminates, ☍ ♆. ☽ is approaching ☌ ♆. There is yet another opposition, of ♂ to Pluto. ♄–♅ "breaks" both oppositions from Gemini. ☿ and ♃ are in trine, but neither these nor ♀ enters the main complex by major aspect.

I would say this map favours us, but the ♆ afflictions point to the continuance of a grave shipping problem, which will hamper our efforts; and so long as Neptune remains so prominent the possibility of gas-warfare will be with us.

For U.S.A. the map does not seem of great import.

At Moscow the midheaven is square Mars, pointing to savage fighting, and at Berlin Pluto rises, opposed to Mars in Aquarius, showing a continuance of desperate conflicts in Russia and, I should say, bloody German losses.

At Tokio the principal point seems to be that the place of ♄ in their Constitution map is on the M.C.

Chungking comes off best, with ♃ on the M.C.

At Paris ♆ is just on the nadir, which fits well into the picture we have drawn of treachery, uncertainty and confusion in France.

So much for the Ingress.

During the spring several adverse symbolic directions fall upon Hitler, as well as the secondaries cited above.

Further, several of the adverse o–d directions which we chronicled in our issue of September 1941 recur under the radix increment. Thus the King of Italy has ♅ □ ♀, Mussolini has ♄ ☌ ☉, and the Imperial German map of 1871 has PL ☍ ☉, ♅ ☌ ♂ and ♀ ☌ ♆, which is enough in all conscience to break any state, if the figure is still operative.

In this connection I noted with interest an announcement by the Germans that flags would not be flown as customarily on January 18th of this year, in commemoration of the founding of the Reich. This implies that the Germans still regard this date as their national "birthday."

By their own admission the enemy almost underwent disaster a year ago, when these directions occurred by the o–d measurement, and it often seems that the "radix" direction brings to a focus and to final fruition what the corresponding o–d direction indicated. The difference in arc, in this case, is about fourteen months.

April

The lunation is not very striking, except for Japan. Tokio has a rising ♀, ✶ ♃ but □ ♂. As their Constitution map also shows ☉ △ ♄ r. at this time, they may achieve some success, but as ☉ and ♄ are in opposition in the radix, it will be neither substantial nor lasting.

At London ♀ is just below the descendant. What the exact value of a benefic on the descendant may be, I have never settled to my satisfaction.

In this month President Roosevelt's ☉ p. □ ♂ p. is exact. He will have many political difficulties, many of them of a personal nature; and it does seem probable that the U.S.A. Army will by now be engaged in heavy fighting. Their Navy and Air Force have already rendered inestimable services to the common cause.

May

The lunation gives a rising Pluto at London sextile Uranus, and it is probable that we shall strike heavily at this time. The lunation itself is sextile Mars.

For other countries the figure seems less important, though it is worth noting that at Berlin the place of Hitler's ♄ rises, afflicted by Mars, the lunation, and Neptune. This seems to forebode more depression and repression for the Germans.

Saturn is in transit during the month over Mussolini's Mars, but strangely he has a series of good secondaries beginning this month. Time must interpret this; I cannot, though one may indulge in conjectures.

Since it is always possible that the "A.Q." may be late in appearing, I will add that the June lunation is of a highly satisfactory character, the angles being closely afflicted at Berlin by Uranus and Pluto, whilst at London the benefics are in close conjunction in the 7th, ✶ ☿ and ♆.

The Quarter appears to be a gloomy one for Germany, but less markedly so for Japan.

THE EDITOR

Final Recension
February 12, 1943

Lack of space compels us to omit Mr. G. H. Bailey's customary "Q" contribution from this issue.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

A QUITE important step is necessary in the technic of judgment when we pass from the singly sign-ruled cell-salts to the astrological signatures of the dwellers in our herb gardens, the hedge-rows and the fields. The latter have often dual or even triple rulerships.

That tasteful plant Aconitum napellus, for example, is given as under the sign rulership of Aries and the planet Saturn—Saturn in the sign of his fall, and also in the Sun's exaltation sign. Here is a combination the possibilities of which stimulate the imagination. The glowing warmth of Aries, the chilly coldness of Saturn—what a contrast! Yet the homoeopathic proving of this important medicine is fully in keeping with its astrological signature. One of its golden uses is found in connection with those chills which come on—so suddenly—when a sharp snap of cold dry weather follows immediately upon a mild spell. The patient most likely to benefit by taking aconitum will usually belong to a strong, robust type. A type unused to being out of sorts, who is apt to go down as though stricken when the assault takes hold. Aconitum is a quick-acting, superficial remedy, and surely astrological tradition would teach that the Sun's exaltation sign would not tolerate Saturn as master for long. If the patient needing aconite stays in bed and rests awhile the face looks hot and flushed. If he gets up and goes out too soon he looks cold and drawn.

The late Dr. Clarke used to characterise aconitum as the remedy for turmoil in the circulation. The connection which exists between the lower-hind lobe of the brain, the spleen and the sign Aries would reveal supporting evidence here. In the aconitum patient the Aries concept is seen for the time being in a mood which is other than the habitual, Saturn's

OBITUARY

British astrology has suffered a severe loss in the death, on December 31st, of Mr. Vivian E. Robson.

His horoscope was published in *Modern Astrology* for June 1919; he was at that time co-editor of that periodical. He was born at Birmingham at 11.56 a.m., L.M.T., on May 26, 1890, and I regret that lack of space prohibits my printing his nativity.

However, those who erect it will find that he was a strongly Mercurial type and that he had serious afflictions with which to contend. His health was never robust and he was also averse to publicity and seldom appeared on the platform. Nor did he exactly "suffer fools gladly."

But in private conversation he would talk for hours on the science of which he was a master. Indeed, his knowledge, not only of astrology but of many other sciences, was phenomenal; and few who enjoyed his conversation could fail to go away with an enhanced knowledge of whatever subject had been under discussion.

He will be remembered best by his two chief books, a *Student's Text-book of Astrology* and *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology*. Of these the former is deservedly popular and the latter is a classic, containing as it does a mass of information dating from the days of Greek mythology up to modern times.

The only criticism I can make of his books is that, whilst he was full of original ideas in familiar discourse, his works were rather of the nature of compendia of what others, often far and away inferior to him intellectually, had compiled. Much of this—and I refer particularly to the writings of the Arabs on the fixed stars—might better have been left in the astrological lumber-room.

I have had no time properly to examine his directions, but at the winter ingress Mars was in close opposition to his natal Sun, which had recently felt the impact of Saturn and Uranus by transit; and by the measure of death Saturn was square radical Mars, exact to the minute.

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busyness having damped down the habitual enthusiasm of this sign. Under these conditions the aconitum patient will sometimes forecast the descent of particular evils and trials.

Another very interesting medicine, this time under Leo and the Sun, is chamomilla. Most times Sun in Leo people find it easy to take their place at the centre of their sphere of things; they often love to have other lives revolving around and somewhat dependent upon their own.

These qualities go by the board with the patient requiring chamomilla. It is said that the phrase which best pictures "cham." is "Cannot bear it." The typical cham. patient lies awake and silent, does not want to talk. If pressed to do so, a snappish reply may be forthcoming. If the cham. patient is a baby, and sick, he will whine, howl and insist upon being carried about. Put him down and his music recital begins all over again. Very often one cheek will show up more flushed than the other—a sure indicant that chamomilla is required. By the way, a single dose of cham. after a tooth extraction when the socket hurts and hurts again will bring divine relief.

Spring is within sight as I write and very soon our lawns and fields will be speckled white with the ever-present multitudinous daisy, Bellis perennis. This little flower was called of old "bruise wort" and it pairs off well in many respects with Arnica montana, mountain daisy, often called "fall herb." There are some "fire" characteristics exhibited in the way bellis does its work, though it is given as under Venus. Maybe Venus in Leo or Sagittarius would make a good astrological portrait. The symptomatology associated with bellis by the homoeopaths again draws attention to the body's circulatory system.

It is pictured as the remedy for the ill effects of wet cold in the overheated. This is well brought out in the case of the harvester, who, perspiring with his work in the hot sun, drank freely of cool cider. Soon afterwards he succumbed to colic. So prompt and effectual is Bellis perennis in cases of this kind that one realises Mindererus was right when he said in his *Kriegs Artzeney Herbal* that the name Bellis perennis should be flown on a banner at the entrance to every harvest field.

The cough that is regularly aggravated by cold drinks generally finds its master in the tincture distilled from the humble daisy.

Acne is usually looked upon as an annoying but not serious skin trouble; nevertheless should the subject's symptoms include the line, "digestion troubles follow cold drinks or food," bellis will act like a charm. Like its continental counterpart,

arnica, Bellis perennis, as its folk-lore name suggests, is a true "bruise wort" and especially so when the bruise hardens into a persistent slowly-growing lump.

This medicine in its relation to circulations shows up well when used for the giddiness experienced by elderly people who find themselves obliged to hurry, or stoop much. At change of life it can be a princely remedy.

Calendula (marigold) is under the Sun, as astrology would say. Here we have a plant that yields a tincture whose antiseptic qualities are the last word in efficacy.

Mention of calendula calls to mind a companion herb, hypericum, St. John's Wort. This remedy is variously spoken of as the thrice-blessed herb for the relief of pain, the herb with the healing touch for injured nerves, etc. If we hold the leaves of hypericum up to catch the light they are seen to be provided with a number of pellucid dots, or "blood stains" as they are called, hence its full name is Hypericum perforatum. It is by virtue of its power to deal with perforations and puncture-like wounds that hypericum gains its fame. Injuries to the spine in general and to the coccyx in particular constitute another field in which its blessed work and healing power proves again the age-old truth of the astrological signatures.

Mr. Pilkington has kindly consented to answer questions from enquirers. His address is "Glendale," Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

HOW I USE ASTROLOGY IN THE R.A.F.

By "J. A."

On joining the R.A.F. I had an illusion that I should have to let the study of astrology go to the four walls. I thought that there would be no place for such an unorthodox science. This was a total war I said to myself, a war in which the only interest would be victory and consequently a return to our homes and loved ones.

However, after a few weeks of the rough and tumble of service life, I began to outgrow this illusion. I became acutely aware that even an elementary knowledge of astrology could pave the way to a more successful life in the service. (By success I do not necessarily mean promotion, although it may be of help in this respect also; but this largely depends on the position of one's Jupiter.)

When one has a working knowledge of astrology it helps one to understand other people; it makes one feel sorry that all are not endowed with the same mental qualities. Consequently, when someone makes a foolish mistake I don't criticise, but rather think reflectively of his horoscope and try to figure out what caused him to make the mistake. This breeds sympathy.

You may say that this is a good and effective way of dealing with and understanding people in civilian life. Of course it is; and if this technique works in civilian life, surely it is a thousand times more effective in the service life, because the service man has to mix with all types of people.

So, then, clearly the initial requirement in placing a foot in the right direction in order to help to make a success of service life, is to understand the other person. And the only way to do this is by studying that person's horoscope.

Parades are one of the first stages of the airman's career. It is essential that the "sprog" (new recruit) should go on parade smart. As a result I noticed that those with Virgo prominent—very often rising—excelled in this respect, thus upholding their reputation for being neat and tidy. In view of this characteristic, I made it my business to approach the "Virgins" with a view to their trimming my hair on the night previous to parades. I might add that Virgo people delight in trimming your hair, or helping you out of a stitching difficulty.

At the end of a few days "square bashing" (marching) one invariably has a blister on one's foot, or the vaccination has turned for the worst. Here, again, Virgo can probably help you, because he very often knows of some old remedy that will be to your advantage.

On finishing "square bashing" (marching), the "sprog" airman is posted to his chosen technical course. Here astrology should help to point out his capabilities and should judge his course accordingly.

From here the airman is posted to an operational station where he may stay for several months. Now, if I had my own way, and I have not, I should certainly try to be posted to a station near a town ruled by Pisces. The reason for this selection is obvious. If there is anything that so effectively breaks the morale of the service man it is being snubbed by the civilian. I have literally heard hundreds of airmen declare that they loathe being snubbed by the civilian. Accordingly, therefore, they invariably name good and bad stations of which they have personal recollections. In this respect I find stations near "Pisces" towns ranking among the most hospitable.

On arriving at a new station there is a passionate desire to

get some "gen" (information) on what kind of a station it is. In order to satisfy this hunger the best way to proceed is by securing the day, time and year when the C.O. took command. One may argue that the correct method would be to find out when the station came into being. It is not, however, always possible to find this.

By now you should be settling down and becoming known as the "Barrack-room Astrologer," with the result that you are unconsciously collecting a treasure of interesting nativities which will be of value for post-war research. Personally I think that every station should have its own official astrologer. It would be a god-send to the service man, who invariably has his worries.

To have a knowledge of astrology in the R.A.F. as in civilian life means that you are in constant demand. There is one snare, however, in the path of the unofficial service astrologer, and it is this: you must be ultra-practical, you must be fast, you must always be ready to deal with a question or to give a short reading, and you must be convincing.

On joining the R.A.F. I had the initial requirement, for I was a slave to the practical side of astrology, but this was not enough, I was too slow. My usual procedure was to work out the horoscope in detail, calculating M.C. and ascendant and planets to minutes. Moreover, my way of directing the progressed chart had to be scrapped, except in special cases; in short I had to find a new ultra-practical system in dealing with casual comrades which forced me to change some of my former methods.

As a result I proceed something like this. After securing the time, year, day and place of birth I open my half-century ephemeris and copy the planets to the nearest degree. This is the most practical ephemeris I know of, being easy to carry and containing fifty years. From this one can point out the most important points, and in order to do this it is essential to pay special attention to planets in houses. The reason for this should be abundantly clear. I, personally, have met many people born on the same day and year and yet they have very little in common to the casual observer.

Having a good grasp of the radical map predicting future events comes next. I am a firm believer in transits, which offer ease and accuracy in prediction. Let us hope that the time is not far off when we can do away with directional systems altogether.

In conclusion, if I were asked to name in a nutshell some of the advantages of studying astrology in the R.A.F. I should

say that astrology makes service life much happier because one understands the other fellow. I find much fun in observing the signs at work, thus when looking for a "hitch-hike" Pisces is the person likely to give you a lift; Gemini is the one to collect the mail; Sagittarius organises the football team; and Scorpio W.A.A.F.s invariably make good flight mechanics.

Yes, to have a knowledge of astrology is to have a light in the blackout.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CELESTIAL LATITUDE

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Many years' experience has forced me to the conclusion that students and beginners in astrology fall into more errors of judgment by ignoring the factor of celestial latitude than from any other cause.

This may be partly due to the modern passion for speed, and the desire to make easy and facile forecasts, without the trouble of taking pains.

This matter first came to my notice many years ago in connection with the horoscope of a client for whom I did a great deal of work.

This gentleman was born on the 21st February, 1886, and for several years it was a matter of concern why all directions to radical Venus, and the zodiacal place of radical Venus used as a "luck point" in gambling ventures, etc., never seemed to give any proper result.

At this period, it was my practice to enter all declinations on the radical maps, but having many years previously rejected "primaries," I had ceased to make a note of the latitudes.

Whilst puzzling over the non-effectiveness of radical Venus in this gentleman's map, it occurred to me to look out and find exactly where this birth Venus was situated in the sky.

I then found that Venus, at this birth, actually had 8° 42′ of North latitude, so that actually it had been something rather more than *seventeen whole diameters of a full moon north of the ecliptic*.

Consequently, no transit of any of the planets, and no transit of the Moon, could possibly fall closer than 3½° of latitude from the place in the sky where Venus was at birth, and to all effects and purposes, Venus was therefore in this gentleman's horoscope very much a dumb note.

Much the same remark applies, by the way, to the position of Venus in the horoscope of Adolf Hitler.

The apparently close and very powerful conjunction of Mars and Venus, in 16° 23′ and 16° 42′ Taurus, respectively, is, in actual fact, due to considerations of celestial latitude, hardly a conjunction at all, since Venus had 6° 20′ of North latitude at his birth, whilst Mars is almost exactly on the ecliptic, and the bodies were separated in the sky by more than six degrees of latitude, or twelve whole diameters of a full moon, which of course is a very great deal.

Consequently, in Hitler's case also, no planet, nor the Moon, will ever transit closer than 1° 20′ of latitude from the place where Venus was at birth, and such transits might easily be anything up to eleven whole degrees, or twenty-two diameters of a full moon, away from this point, though the position in the zodiac exactly corresponds.

It was whilst pondering these, and similar facts, that I received a letter from a careful and conscientious student, who informed me that he had observed the directions made by his progressed Moon for the past two or three years, and that such aspects had produced no effect whatever.

The cause, as I immediately suspected, was that the progressed Moon, just then, had maximum celestial latitude of over five degrees, so not only were her conjunctions and oppositions to radical points actually a good deal distant, from considerations of latitude, from the radical positions of the birth planets, but the aspects formed by this progressed Moon with excessive latitude were also much weakened in effectiveness, due to this latitude.

I have now observed these effects for a period of several years, and have come to the conclusion, that to get really sharp effects, either from a transit, or a full moon, or an eclipse, or from the directions of the progressed Moon, it is necessary these should fall within *half a degree by latitude* of the place in the heavens where the radical body was at birth.

Good effects may be observed with a difference due to celestial latitude up to one degree, but given much more than that the effect rapidly weakens, and with a difference in latitude of anything over two degrees, the probability of sharp effects practically disappears.

Accordingly, in all the studies I have made for some time past, I have considered it essential to carefully note the celestial latitude of all radical bodies. Those with less than half a degree of latitude are always powerful, for obviously the yearly transits of the Sun fall within this half degree, and transits of

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Uranus and Jupiter will also almost always be effective, since these bodies commonly have little latitude.

The same holds good for the progressed Moon. When she is close to one of the nodes, and has little latitude, her conjunctions, oppositions, and directions will commonly be found to be powerful. Where, however, the progressed Moon is, roughly square to the nodes, and she has around the maximum celestial latitude of five degrees, her contacts will be much weaker, unless of course it happens that Venus, or Mars, or even Mercury, also have excessive latitude at birth.

All these considerations make astrology much more trouble, and considerably detract from the ease of forecasting by simply looking up transitual effects in the ephemeris.

At the same time, one gains enormously in accuracy and certitude and is no longer left in the position of thinking "Perhaps it will happen and perhaps it won't," and if it doesn't, not knowing *why* it doesn't.

Reference was recently made to the transit of Mars on the 26th November, 1942, in opposition to the place of Venus and Mars in Hitler's birth map, as a possible chronocrator of dire events. On the date of this transit, Mars had 0° 16′ North latitude, and though it was truly transiting in opposition to the birth Mars, it was of course rather more than twelve full-moon diameters from the birth place of Venus. As I anticipated, nothing happened,[1] though the lunation of the 8th November in 15° 35′ Scorpio, closely in opposition to Hitler's birth Mars, coincided exactly to the invasion of North Africa.

I feel confident that if students will try to visualise "the exact place in the sky" where bodies were at birth, and see whether transits, or progressed directions, or new or full moons, do actually fall within one degree of latitude from the position of the birth planet, a much greater degree of accuracy will be achieved, and "sharp effects" noted with something approaching certainty.

Summing up, therefore, my conclusions are as follows:—

(1) Planets with much celestial latitude at birth—say anything more than three degrees—will show a feebleness in regard to all aspects made in the birth map.

(2) Transits are weak and comparatively ineffective unless the celestial latitude of the transiting body approximates to within one degree of the celestial latitude of the radical body. Both latitudes must of course be in the same sense, that is to say, either both north or both south. There is no such thing as a "parallel by latitude," as we have parallels of declination.

[1] The French fleet at Toulon was scuttled on the 27th.—ED.

(3) When the progressed Moon is approximately square her nodes, and therefore has latitude approaching four or five degrees, all the aspects she makes will be weak and ineffective, unless of course, a planet to which she comes by conjunction or opposition also had the same considerable latitude in the birth map.

(4) Really sharp effects can be looked to with confidence, whenever, at the time of transit, the latitude of the transiting body is not more than half a degree from the birth latitude of the body transited.

In the case of a new moon, it is sufficient that the latitude of the Moon be within one degree of the celestial latitude of the planet on which the new moon falls, or alternatively that the radical body had little or no latitude at birth, in which case the Sun's position will coincide.

STUDIES IN THE FIXED STARS

By THE EDITOR

No. 1: Sirius the Crusader

This is the brightest star in the heavens. It is situated in the constellation Canis Major, the Great Dog; it has 39½° of south latitude and has a longitude (1943) of 13° 18′ of Cancer.[1]

As might be expected from its pre-eminent size and beauty, it has a correlation with fame or outstanding qualities of some description, always having regard to the native's environment. It appears seldom to be configurated with other bodies in the nativities of insignificant persons.

The fortunes are often extreme, either very good or very bad. Frequently the native has experience of both conditions. It is a significator of *abrupt changes of circumstance*, as for example in the case of Byron (☌ ☌), who "woke up to find himself famous."

It is enthusiastic, sanguine and courageous, with a vehement love of personal freedom, the native being strongly individualised and often walking a solitary path, though not an obscure one.

In this connection note George Borrow and W. T. Stead, both of whom had Sun conjunction Sirius, and Annie Besant, who had the Moon with this star.

The great wealth of the United States, as perhaps also the

[1] For all astronomical information, as well as a wealth of other lore, the reader is referred to V. E. Robson's standard book.

fact that it is a country of rapidly changing fortunes, may be related to the conjunction of the Sun with Sirius in the horoscope of the nation.

Cecil Rhodes is another example of Sun with Sirius. Great visions, great wealth, great courage and all the time crippling ill-health.

Greta Garbo had Neptune with Sirius; and although this must have been common to thousands of maps at the time of her birth, her rise from obscurity and humble circumstances to immense wealth and fame, and her love of living her own life, are very Sirian.

Afflictions can produce, when other horoscopic conditions concur, tragic downfall, e.g. Nicholas II and Wilhelm II, whose megalomania was Sirian (☿ ☍ Sirius). The artist Haydon, with the same position, committed suicide: note the enormous canvases he used. The Duchess of Kent has Venus opposition Sirius: note the changes of circumstance and tragic loss of her husband. "Lafayette the Great" (note adjective) perished in a fire after countless changes of fortune.

As an example of the sudden and drastic change of conditions that Sirius produces by direction, we may instance the fact that at the time of his abdication Edward VIII had progressed ♀ conjunction Sirius.

Other cases for study are:

William Blake: Ruler (☽) conjunction Sirius. Note the strongly individual thought and art and the religious fervour.

Isadora Duncan: Ruler (♂) with Sirius.

Thomas Hardy: ☽ ♂ Sirius (probably; birth-time uncertain).

Calvin Coolidge: Sun conjunction Sirius; observe his sudden and unexpected elevation to the presidency.

James Maxton: ♀ ♂ Sirius. Once again, a crusader on a somewhat lonely path.

Other stars in close aspect with Sirius are Alpheratz, Canopus, the South Scale, Vega and Achernar. In studying directions it is not always easy to differentiate their values.

I have never found any evidence worthy of the name to the effect that Sirius has a connection with dogs.

No. 2: Pollux and Spica: A Paradox

In 1920 Pollux was in 22° 7′ ♊ and Spica in 22° 43′ ♎; they are respectively in the constellations of Gemini and Virgo. They are thus in close zodiacal square and it seems best to treat them as one complex.

From such a condition as a square between water and air and the signs Cancer and Libra one would expect difficult con-

ditions to arise and exhibitions of paradox. This appears to be the case, and I would describe the main psychological result as a strange mixture of sentimentality and harshness or coarseness, such as we associate with the German nation. And, indeed, in one of the most satisfactory of the several possible maps for Modern Germany we find Uranus in 22° 39′ ♎, whilst at the founding of the National Socialist party Venus (ruler) was opposed to Pluto in 22° ♎. Hermann Goering, so sentimental about animals and about his first wife, and otherwise so ruthless, has the Sun opposed to Pollux, whilst Adolf Hitler, with his real or pretended love of children and real love of art, probably has Spica, which has some south latitude, close to his ascendant.

As always in astrology factors present themselves both actively and passively, and sometimes the native suffers from harshness in others.

In the summer ingress for 1940, which showed the coming Blitz on London so clearly, Mars was culminating in conjunction with Pollux, opposed to the Moon.

On the other hand, good aspects by planets in negative signs to Pollux and in positive signs to Spica have a high intellectual value from the standpoint of art, science, music and letters, the special manifestation being indicated by the general characteristics of the horoscope. But with these qualities goes a very distinct tendency to misfortune in love, with, sometimes, a definite propensity to sexual inversion.

This, of course, need not be serious; but bodies in close aspect to Spica seem often to make a man effeminate and a woman masculine. An extreme example (☉ ☌ Spica) was Oscar Wilde —note the paradox, his beautiful stories for children and his depraved moral nature.

Generally, it is rare to find a close aspect to Pollux and a happy married life. Separation, either emotional or physical, is almost always present.

King Carol of Rumania is a case of an unfortunate sex-life combined with high intellectual talents; he has ☉ ☌ Spica. Byron probably had ☽ ☌ Pollux, and J. M. Barrie had Mars opposed to it—note the sentimentality. I have two private cases of ♄ ☌ Pollux; in one the partner lost his sight, in the other there was divorce.

In another case ♅ ☍ Pollux indicated a hurried marriage to avoid disgrace. Charles Dickens had ☿ ☍ Pollux; Joshua Reynolds had them in conjunction; H. G. Wells has ♃ ☍ this star. All three show the aspect of outstanding ability in character delineation, either with pen or brush.

Sometimes Pollux produces religious enthusiasm. Thus the

well-known Hindu teachers Vivekananda and Bhagavan Das had ☉ ☍ Pollux, and there is an interesting case of a nun (No. 313/4) in *Notable Nativities*; the second map is that of her progressed horoscope at the time of taking her vows, and shows the Sun just past Spica and the square of Uranus in 22° ♋, i.e. on Pollux.

Amongst political enthusiasts with strong Pollucian elements are Gandhi, Von Tirpitz and Schaumann: this might well be expected as part of the sign-influence, especially when aspects fall from Capricorn.

According to Ptolemy Pollux is also called Hercules and is like Mars. Spica is like Venus, and partly like Mars. This agrees well enough with what we have said above.

No. 3: Procyon: The Dog with a Bad Name; Terebellum; Arcturus

Procyon is the brightest star in the Lesser Dog and its ecliptical position in 1943 is 25°00′ ♋.

Its natives, according to Robson's book, are "petulant, saucy, giddy, weak-natured, timid, unfortunate, proud, easily angered, careless and violent." This string of disagreeable adjectives is, I imagine, transcribed from some earlier and perhaps prejudiced writer. However, Ptolemy ascribes to Procyon the natures of ☿ ♂, and such a conjunction in Cancer might, in a weak horoscope, produce something not far short of this description.

As regards the liability to dog-bites which this star is supposed to indicate, further research seems called for. Dogs are famous for their fidelity and are commonly used to guard the house, and in a wide sense they seem indicated by Saturn and Cancer combinations.

It is worth noting that Mars was opposed to Procyon at the beginning of September 1939 and had been stationary not many days before within close orbs of this contact. Actually it was on Terebellum, a star in close opposition to Procyon. I do not know the significance of Terebellum, but it has obviously a warlike sound. It was also close to the M.C. at London when war was declared in August 1914.

Another star, and one of the most brilliant in the heavens, that links with Procyon is Arcturus, whose present position is 23° 26′ ♎. These three form a powerful "T" group. Robson quotes Bullinger for the information that the Egyptians called this star Smat, meaning "he who rules" and it is to be noted that the zodiacal degree to which its position corresponds was near Hitler's ascendant.

This remark, joined with what has been recorded above as

to the psychological traits of Procyon, seems to point to a violent and tyrannous career, with some success in obtaining rulership and authority, but probably with ultimate collapse, inasmuch as the stars generally are prone, according to tradition, to cause the native to end calamitously, especially if they contain a Mars or Saturn element.

So far as Arcturus is concerned, its chief effects seem to be by opposition, and planets will commonly be found in the fifth semidecanate of Aries in maps of despotic individuals.

A case in which the Procyon-Arcturus-Terebellum influences are powerful is that of Lord Northcliffe, for he had ☉ 23 ♋, ☽ 24 ♈ and ♄ 24 ♎. His self-willed character and final physical collapse are well known.

Much the same befell George III, who had ♃ in 22 ♈. Allowance must be made for the earlier birth; one is apt to forget that the motion of the stars, though not very important for modern births, becomes so when we go far back for our examples.

It seems, indeed, that we have here a nexus which is closely allied to the "power-complex" of which we hear much nowadays in popular psychology. To reduce all human motivation to this, or to any other single conception, is gross over-simplification; but a certain desire to "have one's own way" is present, to some degree, in all living things, even in the roots of plants. When, in human beings, this becomes excessive, defies the rights of others and the limitations of reason, it may be called a mania. Complex, in this sense, is a misnomer, for the impulse is simple and unitary. The complex arises when it becomes interwoven with other psychical elements.

There are other astrological indications of a like character; but here we appear to have a very definite one.

It is to be observed that the zodiacal incidence of the triad Procyon-Arcturus-Terebellum is only separated by a degree or so from Procyon-Spica.

Between them they cover the fifth semidecan of the cardinal cross. In sum, they appear to be violent and self-willed, but to have, in the better types, a much finer intellectual or artistic strain, which may be derived from Spica, said to be a ♀–♂ star and situated in the constellation Virgo. Perhaps the sentimental element springs from Procyon and Pollux in the sign Cancer, and since they are also in the constellation Gemini, they may contribute intellect. The political and despotic part may be due to Terebellum, in the sign Capricorn, and violence probably comes from aspecting bodies in Aries.

In examining the fixed stars it is of course necessary not only

to take into account their zodiacal correlations, but also the constellation of which they form part, which may be outside the zodiac altogether, as Arcturus, for instance, is in Bootes. That is, if we accept the usual definition of the zodiac as a belt about 16° in breadth. From an astrological point of view it is probably correct to regard the signs as extending from pole to pole of the ecliptic, and dividing the entire sky into twelve segments like those of an orange.

I do not know which significance is the stronger.

(To be continued)

MYSELF AND HITLER: A COMPARISON

By "A STUDENT"

An interesting line of astrological research is the investigation of the temperament, fate and fortune of people born on the same day. Apart from twins, very little data is available, and yet there are probably many births quite near to each other. As in cases such as this the zodiacal position would be similar, mundane position is, of course, of tremendous importance, since this is the only factor that alters to any extent in a small space of time.

I have one case where two babies were born in the same nursing home within a few minutes of each other. One died a few minutes after birth; the other is now ten years of age. The only difference is, that in the horoscope of the baby that died the ascendant is exactly opposition the Moon, and it is one degree past in the other. Another similar case was brought to my notice, this time of twins. I was given the charts and asked to pick out the one of the baby that had died. As in one map Saturn was exactly square the ascendant, and in the other the ascendant was several degrees past I judged the former, which was correct.

If, as is taught by religion and philosophy, every soul is unique and has a unique purpose, it is doubtful if two births ever occur simultaneously at the same place, but that they do sometimes occur within a few minutes of each other the above example proves.

As I was born on the day after the German Führer, and have (except for the Moon) similar zodiacal positions and some mundane likenesses, our editor has asked me to compare the two charts.

In general zodiacal position is said to indicate character, and

mundane position destiny. How far this can be taken as correct is open to question.

There are several maps published of Adolf Hitler. The time given produces an ascendant of 27 Libra. Some astrologers, however, will not allow him to be born under this gracious sign, and push the time on half an hour or so to bring 0° Scorpio on to the ascendant, thinking, no doubt, that the world's evil genius must have been born under "the accursed sign." It is true that Scorpio has the reputation of being prominent in the charts of a greater proportion of villains than of any other sign: many fine characters, however, also have this ascendant, and I can call to mind some (not many) rather unpleasant natives of Libra. After perusing several biographies, my opinion is that a Libran ascendant is correct.

As the map with 25–38 Libra seems to respond well to progressions, that is the one I use.

In my case the ringing out of the church bells for Easter evensong immediately I was born impressed the time on my Father's memory.

It would have been much more satisfactory to compare one's map with just another ordinary person, instead of with one who, to quote the *Daily Telegraph*, is "a being apart from civilised men."

It will be noticed that the two major zodiacal differences are that in my case Mercury is clear of the opposition of Uranus, and that the Moon has moved from the Capricorn decan to the Taurus decan of Capricorn, out of orbs of the conjunction of Jupiter, but fairly close to the trine of Mars and Venus.

There are several mundane differences, the most notable being Uranus conjoined to the ascendant in my map, and that the Venus-Mars conjunction has moved from the 7th into the 8th house.

Both natives are vegetarians and non-smokers. If Herr Hitler is not a total abstainer he is said to drink very little. I was brought up in an atmosphere wherein to partake of any alcoholic drink was of the devil. While holding more liberal views in later life I am, and always have been, a strict teetotaler. Herr Hitler is said to enjoy fast driving and films. So do I, but prefer drama to opera. Owing to the order of their Führer, German women are forbidden to paint and powder their faces. I need no such order as I dislike any form of "make-up."

He is said to prefer his chalet at Berchtesgaden to the pleasure of Berlin palaces. People with a strong Taurean element in their charts often prefer a country life. I certainly do, and gardening is one of my main interests.

He is said to be interested in astrology. Whether he studies it himself I do not know, but should think not. A prominent Uranus often indicates an interest in this subject, and in my case Mercury is exactly trine an astrological degree (27 Leo). There seems to be a consensus of opinion that the Führer is advised by astrologers. If this is so, one can only conclude that he was singularly ill-advised to commence a war for his nativity clearly shows military downfall. Perhaps his astrologers deemed that the benefic directions he was under in September 1939 would bring victory. Considered apart from the nativity, so they should, but it is an axiom in judging progressed aspects that they must be taken in relation to the radical chart.

Herr Hitler tells us that in 1918 he decided to take up a political career, and in this field he gained notable successes. With Moon in Capricorn conjunction Jupiter trine Sun, one would have thought that his astrological advisers would have been unanimous in recommending him to continue in this field. Perhaps they did. We do not know.

My youthful political enthusiasm faded out as other interests came into my life. Different signs on the M.C. indicate different careers.

Both maps show artistic ability and oratorical powers. In Herr Hitler's map the Mars-Venus conjunction is on a degree of oratory (16 ♉) and the Moon-Jupiter conjunction is near another one, 7 ♑. Mercury is also on an angle. These have remained latent in my case.

The rule that planets in the western half of the map denote that the latter part of life is the most eventful is exemplified in both cases.

So much for similarities. There are many very wide divergencies.

Herr Hitler certainly lives up to (and more) of the terrible things the ancients said of the square of Mars and Saturn. However, it is a contact formed fairly frequently and many worthy people have it. Maybe in my map it is somewhat mitigated by the trine of Mars to the Moon. Be that as it may, I hate cruelty and injustice of any kind. Neither am I in the least hysterical or neurotic.

Herr Hitler has suffered periods of ill-health and was rejected as unfit for military service. I have always had remarkably good health. Mars rules the 6th house in his case, and being afflicted indicates periods of ill-health. Jupiter, ruler of the 6th in my chart, is trine Sun. Moreover, Moon is trine Mars and of this aspect Mr. Carter says in *Astrological Aspects*, "For women

this is commonly a very invigorating contact endowing them with what is called "rude health."

A Taurean element in a map generally denotes great staying power, and this is true in both cases. To take one instance of Herr Hitler, "in the Nuremberg Rally of 1936 he stood erect for five-and-a-half hours, punctiliously acknowledging every salute, and never showing fatigue, and then rushed off to a meeting."

With the Sun, significator of marriage in a woman's map, in the 7th house applying to the trine of Jupiter, an astrologer would have prophesied a happy and fortunate marriage for me, and he would have been correct. The Sun is also exactly sextile the 5th cusp (aspects to cusps when exact are of first-class importance), and there is much happiness through children.

Moon, significator of marriage in a man's map, applies to the conjunction of Jupiter, and at first glance one would have expected Herr Hitler to marry. On examining the map closer, however, Mars, ruler of the 7th house, is in the 7th square Saturn, and Venus is in the 7th with the same aspect. I have also noticed in many cases that men with the Moon in Capricorn either marry late or not at all.

Herr Hitler's childhood does not appear to have been particularly happy. Neither was mine. Venus square Saturn is a sad aspect, especially for childhood, and more so when it is the ruler, as in these charts. He was the youngest child of a third marriage. I was the eldest child. He was devoted to his mother, who is said by some writers to have been a very beautiful and loving woman, and by others to have been neurotic and discontented. I was extremely attached to my father. Traditionally the 4th and 10th houses are said to represent the parents. Which house rules which parent has never been satisfactorily proved, which seems to suggest that they are interchangeable. Saturn, ruling the 4th house, appears to indicate Herr Hitler's father; the same planet rules my 4th house too, but most decidedly does not represent my father. Moon, ruler of the 10th, square Uranus trine Mars and Venus, does in a way represent my mother. Sun, ruling the 10th house trine Jupiter, does not seem altogether satisfactory as indicating Hitler's mother.

In both nativities the Sun is applying to the square of Saturn. An astrologer, noting this as he looked at the birth charts, would expect that when this aspect became exact by progression a difficult time would be experienced. This happened when Hitler was thirteen. When he was aged eleven Uranus was opposition Sun (o-d). At this time his father had a seizure and he died two years later. He (Hitler) also suffered from tubercular trouble at this period. The death of his father left him and his

mother rather badly off, as she only received a small pension. In the other map the square of Saturn was exact a year earlier, and ascendant and Uranus were opposition Sun (o-d). My mother's health gave a lot of anxiety at this period which made things difficult for me. A year later I left school very unexpectedly and commenced to earn my living.

Herr Hitler appears to have lived with his mother, developing his artistic talent until he went to Vienna in 1907 and failed to get into the Art School—a terrible shock to him. Mercury progressed was conjunction Neptune radical at this time, an aspect said to indicate disappointment, sorrow, vague worries, fears and loss by deception. The next year his mother died. If this chart is correct ascendant was square Saturn (o-d). When this aspect occurred in my own map in 1913 my father died.

Herr Hitler's sordid life in Vienna seems to have ended by the spring of 1912, when we read of him living in Munich and earning a living by selling his pictures. M.C. was trine Mercury (o-d) and Saturn trine Moon by the same measure. When war broke out he seems to have been very glad (I was sad and sorry), and joined a Bavarian infantry regiment as a volunteer. He was wounded by a piece of shell in 1916 and was for five months in a Berlin hospital. In 1917 he was back at the front. He was gassed in October 1918 and was blind for a short time.

My life until 1913 was very uneventful. It was saddened in that year by my father's death, Uranus and ascendant were square Saturn (o-d). In 1914 I joined the Theosophical Society, and later, under Mercury progressed trine Uranus radical, I became interested in astrology. Many blessings have been vouchsafed me, and amongst the greatest I count this event. I am grateful to have experienced an aspect of Mercury trine Uranus by progression. May I be found worthy to have it in my natal chart in the next incarnation!

The war years gave me added responsibility and anxiety. In 1915 a brother was killed in Gallipoli. Ascendant was opposition Venus (o-d). Later another one was taken prisoner.

When Hitler was sent to gain information in 1919 about the German Workers' Party, which led him to join and reform it, his directions were Sun progressed conjunction Neptune radical. Up to now this was the most momentous happening of his life and it led to an entire change. Under the same aspect of Sun to Neptune my life also underwent a complete change.

During Hitler's imprisonment after the famous Putsch of 1923 as well as ascendant opposition Neptune (o-d), Sun progressed was conjunction Pluto radical which appears to have had no effect whatever when it occurred in my own map.

During the next few years whilst Herr Hitler was continuing his turbulent and successful career, my life was entirely centred in the home. Although I did not lose interest in astrology it remained in abeyance, through lack of time for study. In the autumn of 1925, when Moon was sextile Mercury (o-d), I attended a meeting of the Astrological Lodge, immediately felt at home and joined as a member. An association which has given me much interest and happiness and brought many friends into my life. At this time Mercury progressed was also approaching sextile Sun radical, and under this influence my interest in this subject continued and has remained of absorbing interest.

In 1928 I joined a Philosophical Society, for the teachings of which I am eternally grateful.

When Herr Hitler became Chancellor on January 30, 1933, his directions were M.C. trine Mars and Venus (o-d) and Sun progressed sextile Saturn radical. It is interesting to note that under the latter aspect in my chart, from the same signs and houses, my husband bought a piece of land and we built a house.

After Hitler became Chancellor there is very little reliable detail of his private life. He is identified with the German nation. It may be said that his successes are due in a measure to his psychological understanding of the German people, and his failure in not understanding the psychology of the British and Americans.

It is often wondered why he has had such astonishing "luck." An astrologer would point to the strong Jupiterian influence in his chart, and to the series of progressed directions formed in his nativity since he became Chancellor, notably by secondary direction—Venus progressed trine Moon radical, trine Jupiter radical, Mars progressed trine Uranus radical, Sun progressed trine Uranus radical, Jupiter progressed Sun.

On the reoccupation of the Rhineland in 1936 there was also (o-d) Saturn trine Neptune and Jupiter sextile Mercury.

In the momentous year of 1938 which saw the march on Austria and Munich, by one degree there were Moon sextile Mercury, and ascendant trine Saturn. At the time of Munich the powerful aspect of Sun progressed trine Uranus radical was beginning to operate.

The war on Poland commenced when the latter aspect was almost exact; later came Jupiter sextile Sun square Neptune (o-d). The Battle of France began with Jupiter (T) conjunction Sun sextile Mars. Meanwhile the natal square of Saturn and Mars was nearing exactitude; when Saturn (T) was conjoined to the natal Mars-Venus he lost the Battle of Britain.

In September 1942 this natal square of Saturn and Mars became exact. An aspect, I think, which explains why, with all his victories, the decisive one has ever been elusive. Great cracks have been rent in his might, but he is not defeated yet. Aspects do often act most powerfully when they are waning, and with a contact like this, so slow in forming, the major effects should be yet to come. It seems to me that the eclipse of February 4th opposition his natal Saturn, exciting this Mars-Saturn aspect, may be the portent to herald his complete downfall.

Some astrologers think this much-to-be-desired event will be delayed until Sun progressed is conjunction Mars progressed in 1945. As when this happens this conjunction will be trine the radical ascendant (if this map is correct), and within orbs in any case, I fail to see this. If he is not defeated this year there does not appear to be any astrological indication of this event for many years to come.

The years from 1933–39 were the most prosperous and interesting of my life. Saturn progressed square Mars radical is not exact in my chart for some years ahead. Saturn progressed square Venus radical (exact in 1940), and the Saturnian transits on Sun, Mars and Venus, indicated, as one would expect, sorrow, disappointment and limitation. Also so many uninteresting but necessary things to do and so little time for the things one enjoys. However, comparatively speaking, the danger and difficulties of the war years have touched me lightly, and I have suffered no personal loss.

From the station of Uranus on Pluto last August I could not trace any effects. True, there were some domestic inconveniences but they did not appear to me to be of the nature of the planets, and they were trifling in any case. The first transit of Uranus over Neptune in August 1941 told another story. Amongst other unpleasant happenings was the very unexpected death of a niece. The next transit in May 1941 passed by unnoticed. Traditionally it is the final transit that counts. There is another one in March, and we hope that in Herr Hitler's map at any rate the effects will be devastating.

So much for this very brief study. On first seeing the likeness in the two maps many years ago I did not feel flattered. Adolf Hitler was not at that time the evil force he is to-day, but he was becoming a nuisance and one did not like his methods. However, one cannot change one's nativity. The horoscope undoubtedly gives a picture of the temperament and destiny of the native. What it does not contain is the soul, which being an immortal principle is above and beyond the natal chart, and when the will is set to tread that path which leadeth to perfection, a path which all humanity, even a Hitler, will one

day walk, the horoscope may delay, but cannot prevent, the return of the psyche to the union of the divine from whence it came, which is the meaning and consummation of all manifestation.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR: The lady who wrote the above valuable comparison of her own and Hitler's nativities has suggested that I should add a few words. The chief lesson seems to me to be the importance of the decanates, for the writer is a very definitely Taurean type, both in disposition and appearance, with not the slightest trace of Hitler's restlessness, discontent and ambitious cravings. But the only way in which her map seems more Taurean than Hitler's is that her Moon as she says, has passed into the second decan of Capricorn. This, then, seems to be very significant. Another point, of course, is the pre-natal epochs. But the discussion of that topic would require more space than I have available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CONDITION OF ASTROLOGY

From W. JOHN KIRK.

It was with something of a shock that I read the opening lines in the December issue. Such a statement is very sad, yet I find some consolation in most of the articles in *Astrology* and in your own books and two or three others. I feel sure there is no falling back here but a clearer unfolding of real astrology: so I judge after reading many of the old journals.

I am not at all in tune with Mr. Cleary-Baker's ideas. Why consider the Church (already a dying institution) or for that matter the State: they are very secondary in importance? The word materialism I often think is badly used. Surely it was never less in evidence than at this period.

The younger generation may not have so much religion, but the Christ Spirit is far more abroad than in my young days. A late writer puts it, the only idea we can have of serving God is of contributing to the happiness of the living. Yes: the English Christ of my young days was not a son of man but a prince of dogma, bearing handcuffs for all who reasoned about Him. I believe behind all the chaos the young are seeing the real Light which enlightens every man coming into the world.

I see no reason for an inner body. Has not this already been tried? Could there be anything but still-birth that way?

May not the falling back be partly through popular journalists and their war prophecy failures? Also I think we have too many epochs, hypothetical planets, pyramid measures, etc.—enough to sink any ship! Many of these authors would do more justice to themselves and their students by publishing in book- or pamphlet-form.

From JOHN HARVEY, A.F.B.A.

Mr. Cleary-Baker's paper, and your own Editorial, calling attention to the retrograde movement of astrology were indeed welcome. I certainly think that an effort should be made, not only to improve the "tone" of astrological literature, but also to acquaint the public with the fact that astrologers in general stress the view that their science is for guidance and warning, and supplies the "sign-posts and traffic-lights" along the road of life.

It will, I think, be agreed that the average person's ideas of astrology are based upon what he, or she, reads in the daily and Sunday newspapers, with the result that the general opinion of astrology is that its one and only purpose is to predict the future. Also, until recently perhaps, many people read more than one newspaper, and more often than not the astrologers responsible for these articles contradict each other. My employment as a bank cashier enables me to contact more people a day in all walks of life than the majority meet in a month, and I am unhappy to say that opinions vary from frank amusement to heated assertions to the effect that "such medieval, superstitious balderdash should be banned," as a colleague of mine put it recently.

Mr. Cleary-Baker, in reply to a letter I wrote to him a few months ago, said newspaper astrology has at least brought the science before the public, but if these newspaper readings give publicity to the most inaccurate part of the subject, of what benefit is it to astrology and the "man-in-the-street"?

I have studied astrology for a little over five years, and am now within a month of my twenty-fourth birthday, and hope to make astrology my profession as soon as the war is over, but when that time comes I do not wish to find that astrology has been prohibited as a public nuisance!

I believe that if astrologers try, as I do, to strike a somewhat philosophical or religious note in delineations and directions sent to their clients, it will, eventually, react favourably not only on the reputation of the science, but to their own ultimate advantage.

With a view to improving astrology in this way, would it not be wise to re-state the scientific basis of the subject, and also its religious implications? In the two dozen or so textbooks that I possess it is frequently stated that our science has a basis on scientific facts, and is also religious in nature, but facts and arguments are not produced to substantiate these claims. I have tried many times to obtain books that might shed light on these statements, but in the majority of instances have been thwarted by a short note from the publishers to the effect that the books concerned are now out of print. The necessity for some definite arguments has been brought home to me recently in an encounter with the leaders of the local church, who requested that I enlighten them on these points.

Some of the questions put to me were rather difficult to answer. For example: How can astrologers possibly reconcile their theory of reincarnation of the soul and the laws of karma with the Christian

religion, which teaches that God forgives all those who repent of their sins? If the theory is accepted the teaching of Divine forgiveness is pushed aside in preference for a doctrine of tit-for-tat. We despise this attitude in a human being, how then can we accept such a teaching as having anything godly about it? I also made reference to the frequent references to the (then) seven planets and twelve signs in the Bible, and explained their astrological interpretations.

The seven eras of creation, the seven churches, the twelve children and tribes of Israel, the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem, the twelve blessings of Jacob, and the four-faced creatures mentioned by Ezekiel and St. John were mentioned and explained by myself, but were all dismissed as wishful thinking on my part. It was also stated by the curate, that if God intended that astrology was to be used as a religion, Christ would have said so. The only reference I can find that was made to astrology is in St. Luke xxi. 25, and that only very brief. To speculate on the future was held to be un-Christian (see Matthew vi. 34), but although I pointed out that such things as health and unemployment insurances, old-age pensions and so forth should not, therefore, claim our attention, and also explained where and how astrology can help in the upbringing, education and training for a career, etc., of a child, I am afraid I put up a poor show for the science, simply because I lack facts—scientific and religious. Neither does a 12th house Mercury, trine Saturn, assist rapidity of thought or adequate verbal expression. Incidentally, these gentlemen proved that astrology "works" by descending upon me when the progressed Moon conjunction Mars radical was squared by a transit of Mars from the 9th, a fact which rather disconcerted them.

I feel I must conclude this letter with an apology for encroaching upon so much of your valuable time, and with the sincere hope that at some future date you will be able to publish in *Astrology* some answer to such questions as I have outlined and which bother the young student quite frequently.

NOTE BY EDITOR: The interest taken in Mr. Cleary-Baker's paper is very gratifying. No astrologer has the right to link astrology with any particular doctrine such as reincarnation and karma, except as a personal opinion, to which we are all entitled, for many eminent astrologers have accepted neither of these teachings. We, ourselves, regard reincarnation with respect and believe it may well be true, but we do not *know* that it is in the sense in which we know astrology to be true. Karma is often taught in a very tit-for-tat sense, as our correspondent remarks. Such a view makes disinterestedness impossible. A nobler point of view is that "Virtue is its own reward." This, however, is not to say that the doctrine of karma does not embody an important truth. It is not a subject upon which we are competent to express any worthwhile opinion. But being moved at this moment to cast a horary figure (10 a.m., G.M.T., January 20, 1943) as to its truth, we are impressed by the close conjunction of Moon and Jupiter, and the trines to which Sol applies.

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